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Title : PROCESSES FOR MAKING PROTEIN  
HYDROLYSATES FROM ANIMAL  
PEPTONE AND FOR PRESERVING  
MUCOSA

Group Art Unit: 1651

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## RESPONSE

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REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action that issued on October 25, 2001 in the above-identified application. With this Response, no claims are amended, no claims are canceled, and no new claims are added. Upon entry of this Response, the above-identified application will continue to include claims 1-35.

In the Office Action, the Examiner characterized the application as including several different inventions and placed claims alleged to correspond with each of the different inventions in one of eight different groups, namely, Groups I-VIII. The Examiner then stated that restriction of the above-identified application to one of the inventions of Groups I-VIII was required. In this regard, the Examiner's specific comments were:

*Election/Restrictions*

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to the preparation of a heparin/peptone hydrolysate, classified in class 435, subclass 68.1.
- II. Claims 14-16, drawn to the preparation of a peptone hydrolysate, classified in class 435, subclass 68.1.